



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
 COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION  
 2025 HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINATION FORM  
 "Make Real the Promises of Democracy"**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Colorado Holiday Commission Humanitarian Awards Committee:**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HUMANITARIAN AWARDS  
 2025 NOMINATION FORM**

**Mark your calendar: the deadline for nominations for the 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award is 5:00 pm, Friday, November 15th, 2024.**

**Submit forms to Charleszine "Terry" Nelson, 1492 South Vaughn Circle, Aurora, CO 80012 or via email: [nelsoncharleszine@gmail.com](mailto:nelsoncharleszine@gmail.com), & [drmlkjrchc@gmail.com](mailto:drmlkjrchc@gmail.com)**

**\*Supporting nomination narratives submitted are limited to 1 page, typed, Times New Roman 12 font\***

**Criteria for Selection:**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards Committee particularly seeks to honor adults, youth, and groups who give freely of themselves and whose good works spring from a generous volunteer spirit. Its recipients have, in varied and diverse ways, helped bring about Dr. King's dream of equal opportunity for all persons to build a better life, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

**Note that all nominated candidates must live or have done their work in Colorado; furthermore, if a selected person no longer lives in Colorado, they must make their own travel arrangements and lodging accommodations.**

**Awards Nominated by the Public:**

**Dr. James T. Peters Humanitarian Award** - honors citizens, businesses, and organizations from across Colorado that have demonstrated their commitment to helping bring about Dr. King's dream by building a culture of equity, fairness, and inclusivity, as well as establishing community activism and responsibility. (The public nominates awardees)

**Dr. Joyce Marie Davis (Outstanding Youth Award)** This award is named for Colorado's "Minister of Music" (**ONLY 1 RECIPIENT**): a high school student who is a positive example to their fellow peers and whose good work and service spring from a generous volunteer spirit.

**Honorable Menola Upshaw Lifetime Achievement Award -named for the longtime Executive Director of the Denver Chapter of the NAACP:** honors those whose lives are or have been a testimony to their devotion to acts of "good trouble" on behalf of the community using their time, talent/s, and resources, (nominee may or may not be active today and or may be deceased).

**CHARLESZINE "TERRY" NELSON**  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission, Commissioner & Chair

**RAY BROWN**  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Culture Center Pueblo, Co

**SUZY CHIPMAN**  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission, Artistic Coordinator

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**FRANKLIN JEFFERSON**  
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**JENNIFER MALPIEDE,**  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission, PIO

**MARCIE MOORE GANTZ**  
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**Colorado Holiday Commission Discretionary Award,**

**Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founder’s Award, and**

**Charleszine “Terry” Nelson Pioneer and Leadership Award:** Are appointed by the commission; not all awards are granted annually. *(These awards are made at the discretion of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Colorado Holiday Commission.) Recognition is given to people and organizations exhibiting continued advocacy and are instrumental to the advancement of civil rights for all humanity.*

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**NOMINATION SUBMISSION:**

Please attach, on a separate page, your reason for nominating this person or organization. Include how the nominee embodies Dr. King's compassion, philosophy, and vision, making them worthy of this award and recognition.

SHYRETTA HUDNALL,  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
 Colorado Holiday Commission,  
 Statewide Special Events Chair

**I am nominating \_\_\_\_\_ for the (year) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award *(if the nominee is deceased, please indicate).***

JENNIFER MALPIEDE,  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
 Colorado Holiday Commission, PIO

**Nominee's full name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Award being nominated for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age \_\_\_\_\_ *(If 19 years old or younger, parent or guardian information required.)***

**Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address of nominee (or survivors) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Home phone and fax \_\_\_\_\_**

**Work phone and fax \_\_\_\_\_**

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Name of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone and fax \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone and fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and contact information of another person who can attest to and supplement to your reasons for nominating your candidate:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone and fax \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone and fax \_\_\_\_\_

**IF SELECTED AS RECIPIENT, NOMINEES WILL BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A RECENT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPH IN CAMERA-READY FORMAT**

**\*\*\*ASTAR PHOTOGRAPHY will photograph any honorees that do not have a camera-ready photograph (Astarphotos@yahoo.com)\*\*\***

**The 2025 Honorees will be notified on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Submit your nomination to:**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Committee  
 c/o Charleszine “Terry” Nelson, Chairperson  
 US Postal Service: 1492 South Vaughn Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80012 or  
 E-mail: [nelsoncharleszine@gmail.com](mailto:nelsoncharleszine@gmail.com) &/or [drmlkjrhc94@gmail.com](mailto:drmlkjrhc94@gmail.com)**

**Note: Nominations submitted via US Postal Services, must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**